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## 2007 NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE 'PARTNERING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS'

Event to feature leading clean-tech businesses and climate change solutions for the Garden State

(NEWARK, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and its Clean Energy Program will be hosting leading clean-tech businesses and market participants at the upcoming 2007 Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards Program, to be held September 27 and 28 at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency Hotel. The theme of the 2007 Conference will be *Partnering for Climate Change Solutions* and will highlight New Jersey's clean energy programs and incentives to reduce greenhouse gases, increase the use of renewable energy and increase energy efficiency.

"In order to truly curb global warming in the long term, there needs to be a wholesale change in the way we produce power, fuel our vehicles and power our homes and businesses," said Jeanne M. Fox, NJBPU President. "Governor Corzine understands this and has made New Jersey a leader by establishing some of the most ambitious goals in the country for the reduction of greenhouse gases, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. This conference will highlight economic opportunities, clean energy technologies and state incentives to help New Jersey businesses and municipalities meet those goals."

Ted Turner, entrepreneur and philanthropist, will headline the two-day conference, which is expected to draw over 700 businesses and energy professionals. The conference will begin on Thursday September 27 with Pre-event Technical Workshops for municipalities, focusing on municipal energy audits, contracting for clean energy technologies and community planning around green building standards. An Opening Reception and Networking Event will be held the evening of September 27<sup>th</sup>. A full day of presentations and workshops will be held on Friday, September 28 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., featuring leading energy experts and breakout sessions on New Jersey's Energy Master Plan, Clean Energy Project Finance, Renewable Energy Certificate Markets, Green Building Design and Clean Energy Strategies to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint. The third annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards will be presented, honoring individuals, municipalities, businesses, industries and organizations that have improved New Jersey's economic competitiveness and its environment through effective and innovative use of renewable energy, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

"New Jersey's Clean Energy Conference provides one of the best opportunities to network and learn from industry professionals and state leaders," said Scott Connor of New Jersey American Water – the 2006 Clean Energy Business Leader – and Honorary Conference Chair. "No other conference on the East Coast brings together all of the clean energy organizations in the capacity that the Clean Energy Conference does; and we have easy access to that right here in New Jersey."

2007 Conference Sponsors include leading clean-tech businesses and organizations, including Pfizer; DT Solar, a Turner Renewable Energy Company; Honeywell; Constellation New Energy; Community Energy, an Iberdrola Company; Energy Photovoltaics, Inc; Concord Engineering Group, as well as leading organizations like the US Green Building Council, NJ Chapter; NJ League of Municipalities; Sierra Club, New Jersey Chapter and NJ Sustainable State Institute.

Exhibitors will include APPRISE, Inc.; Atlantic County Utilities Authority; Community Energy; Concord Engineering Group; Constellation NewEnergy; Draker Solar Design, LLC; DT Solar; EAM Associates; E-Finity Distributed Generation, LLC; E-Mon; Energy Central; EnergyBiz; EnerNOC, Inc.; EPV Solar; GeoGenix, LLC; Globe Lithographing Co.; Honeywell; Ingersoll Rand Energy Systems; Live Data Systems, Inc.; MaGrann Associates; National Council on Electricity Policy'; New Jersey Natural Gas; New Jersey SmartStart Buildings Program; New Jersey State League of Municipalities; New Jersey Sustainable State Institute; Pfister Energy; PMK Group; PSE&G; Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Rutgers University EcoComplex; Sierra Club - New Jersey Chapter, Cool Cities Program; SolaDesign Systems, LLC; Sterling Planet Inc.; Sylvania Lighting Services; Tiger Foam Insulation; and U.S. Green Building Council, New Jersey Chapter.

To register for the conference or to learn more about this year's New Jersey Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards, visit **www.njcleanenergy.com**.

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## About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, established on January 22, 2003 in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), and its website is <a href="https://www.njcleanenergy.com">www.njcleanenergy.com</a>.

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